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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
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State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 94275
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RE: HEARING APPLICATION
29-D-1
Benson Commingling Facility No. 1
James RB SUH & James RB SUI
Benson Field
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana
Our File No. 340029.0355

Dear Sir:

On behalf of MARATHON OIL COMPANY, application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the following matters relating to the commingling of production from the following units in the Benson Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, as set forth hereinbelow:

1. To authorize the commingling in the applicant's Benson Commingling Facility No. 1 of gas and liquid hydrocarbons produced from the units designated as James RB SUH and James RB SUI in the Benson Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.
2. To approve the commingling of production from such units in the Benson Field, and the allocation of production based upon monthly well tests in the manner proposed herein, in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order 29-D-1;
3. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

Attached hereto and made a part of this application are the following:

1. A diagrammatic sketch of the mechanical installation to be used, showing the flow of gas and liquid hydrocarbons, and the equipment to be used for full stream test of each well to be commingled.
2. Detailed explanation of the flow of gas and liquid hydrocarbons, the procedure and frequency of well tests and for calibration of any metering devices and allocation formulas to be utilized.
3. Signed statement that in the opinion of the applicant, the commingling of gas and/or liquid hydrocarbons and the use of well tests for allocations of production in the manner proposed will provide reasonably accurate measurement, will not create inequities, and will afford the owner of any interest the opportunity to recover his just and equitable share of production.

A list of names and addresses of all Interested Parties is attached hereto.

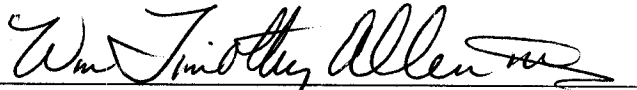
A check in the amount of \$700.00 is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

By:



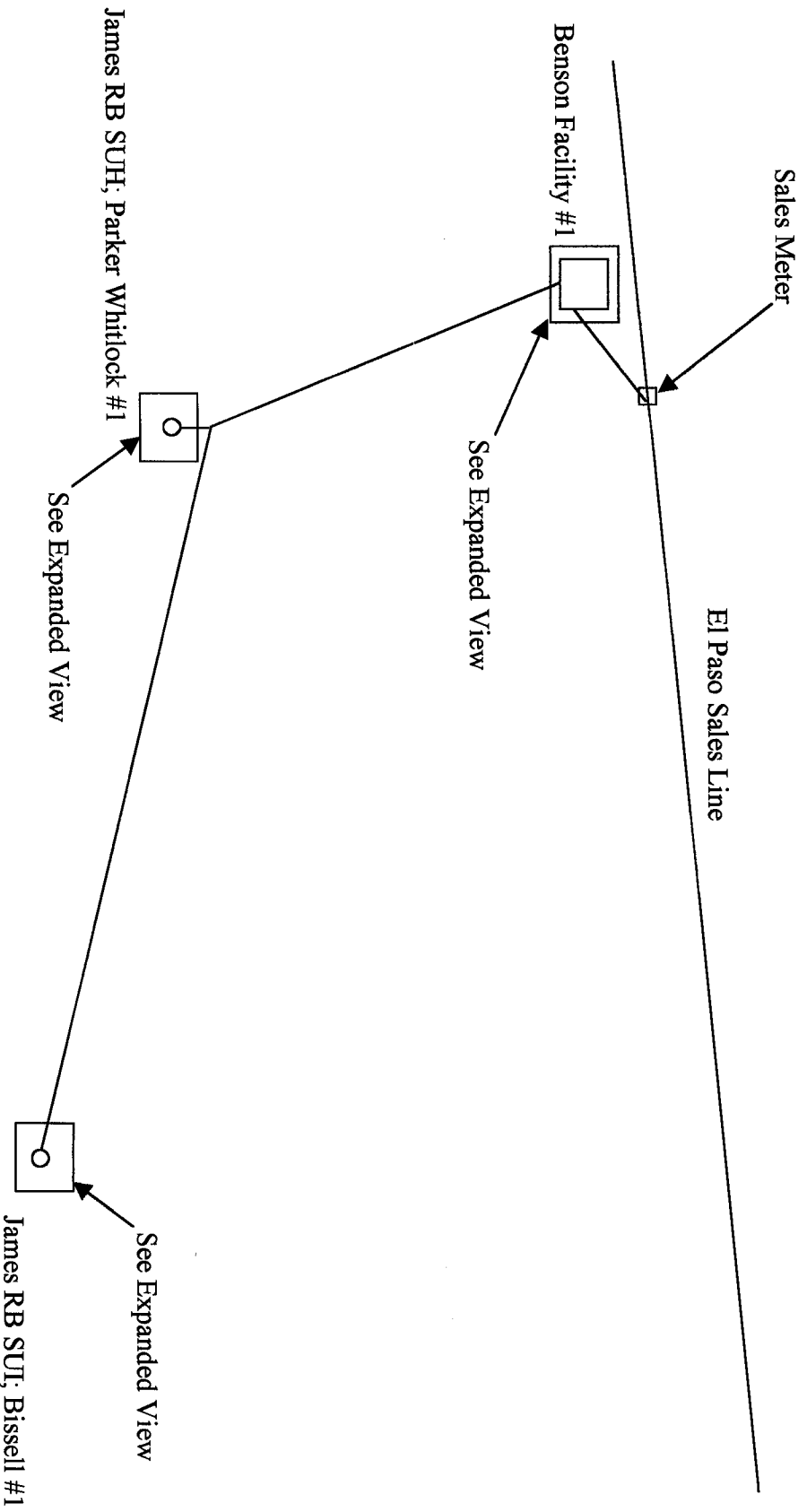
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, District Manager
Office of Conservation, Shreveport, La. (w/enclosures)

Benson Area Gathering System

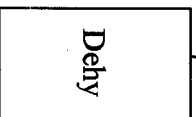
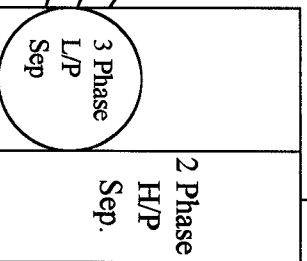
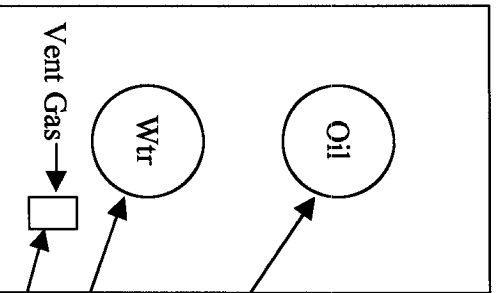
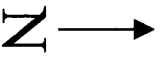


Benson Field, Desoto Parish, LA

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Benson Facility #1

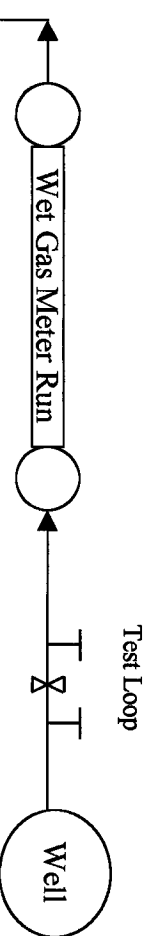


Dry Gas Sales
Meter To El Paso

Full Well Stream (Gas, Cond, Water) Inlet
From James RB SUL, Bissell #1 and James
RB SUH, Parker Whitlock #1

James RB SU1; Bissell #1

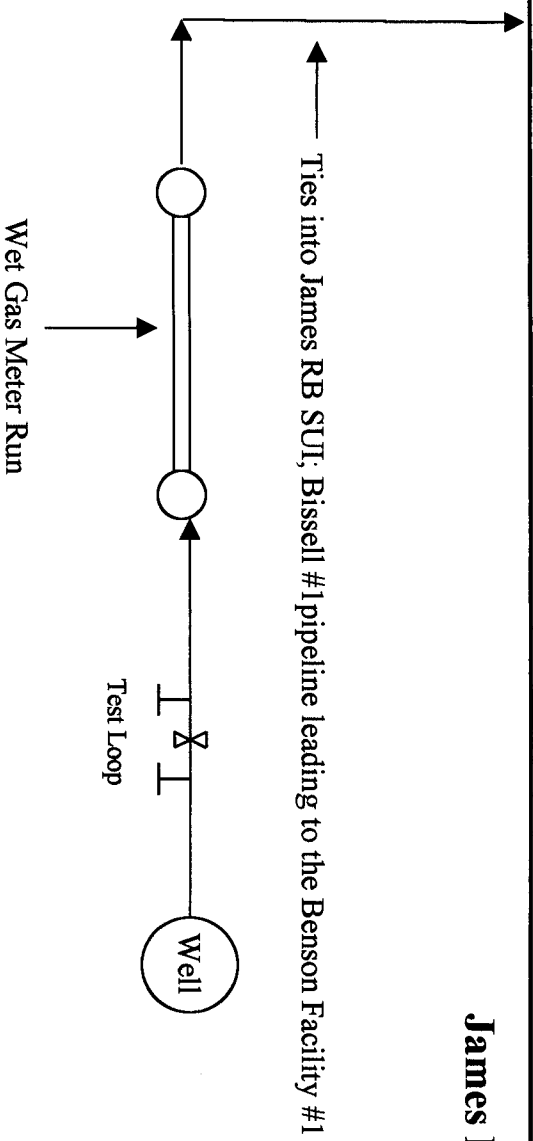
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4" Pipeline to Benson Facility

Benson Field, Desoto Parish, LA

James RB SUH; Parker Whitlock #1



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